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General Information

How to Register

- On-line: www.howardcountymd.gov/adventure
- Phone: 410-313-7275 (voice/relay)
(8 AM-4:30 PM, M-F)
- Fax: 410-313-4660
- Mail: Howard County Recreation & Parks
7120 Oakland Mills Road
Columbia, MD 21046
- Walk-in: Howard County Recreation & Parks
7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia
(8 AM-4:30 PM, M-F)
- Gary J. Arthur Community Center
2400 Rte. 97, Cooksville
(8 AM-8 PM, M-Sa; 9 AM-5 PM, Su)
- North Laurel Community Center
9411 Whiskey Bottom Road, Laurel
(8 AM-8 PM, M-Sa; 9 AM-5 PM, Su)
- Robinson Nature Center
6692 Cedar Lane, Columbia
(9 AM-5 PM, W-Sa; Noon-5 PM, Su)
- Roger Carter Community Center
3000 Milltowne Drive, Ellicott City
(7 AM-10 PM, M-Sa; 7 AM-9 PM, Su)

Custom Adventure and Outdoor Programs available.

Let us work with you to design a unique adventure. Gather your scout troop, school group or friends and we'll do the planning and leading. Activity choices include themed birthday parties, campfires, archery, canoeing, rock climbing, kayaking, tubing, camping, biking, and a mobile skate park.

Payment Information

Include payment with your registration form – a check or money order payable to the Howard County Director of Finance, or credit card information. (We accept American Express, Discover, MasterCard and VISA.)

Inclement Weather

To check the status of an Adventure & Outdoors programs, please call the Program Status Line at 410-313-4451. Check with your instructor about exceptions to the following circumstances and make-up dates for canceled sessions.

- If it rains, only some outdoor classes will be cancelled.
- When it appears that lightning is a potential threat to participants, scheduled outdoor activities or activities in progress will be cancelled.

Who to Contact

Adventure & Outdoors Manager
Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754 or
dthomas@howardcountymd.gov

Adventure & Outdoors Supervisor
Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769 or
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We have archery for adults, too!

Archery

- No experience necessary and all equipment supplied for use during the program.
- Detailed information is emailed to participants.
- Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769.
- For the most up-to-date information visit howardcountymd.gov/archery.

Lil' Archers

4-5 yrs / 2 classes, start dates below / \$30

Experience the sport of archery in a fun, safe and supervised environment. We use plastic arrows with rubber suction cups to teach the basics of archery.

Meadowbrook Ath Comp

RP9061.731	Apr 7	2-3 PM	Th
RP9061.732	May 5	4-5 PM	Th

NEW! Learn the Art of Target Archery

6-7 yrs / Apr 30 / \$45

Build and decorate your own PVC bow and learn techniques, form and range safety in a one-day class with our certified instructors.

Rockburn Branch Pk West

RP9061.741	9 AM-noon	Sa
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Introduction to Archery **flickr** **8 yrs + / 2 classes, start dates below / \$55**

Discover the basics of archery! Learn basic techniques and form using recurve and compound bows from an USA Archery-certified instructor. Equipment, safety and elements of shooting are covered. Course meets the requirement to participate in the HCRP Archery Clubs.

8-13 yrs / Alpha Ridge Pk

RP9061.701	Apr 2	8 AM-noon	Sa
RP9061.702	Apr 30	8 AM-noon	Sa

14-17 yrs / Alpha Ridge Pk

RP9061.711	Apr 9	8 AM-noon	Sa
RP9061.712	May 7	8 AM-noon	Sa

18 yrs + / Alpha Ridge Pk

RP9061.721	Apr 9	8 AM-noon	Sa
RP9061.722	May 7	8 AM-noon	Sa

Target Archery Together (Parent/Child)

8-13 yrs / Dates below / \$90

(one child and one adult)

You and your child learn the basic techniques of archery together! Equipment, safety and elements of shooting are covered by an USA Archery-certified instructor.

Alpha Ridge Pk

RP9063.701	Apr 16	8 AM-noon	Sa
RP9063.703	May 14	8 AM-noon	Sa

Rockburn Branch Pk West

RP9063.702	Apr 23	8 AM-noon	Sa
RP9063.704	May 21	8 AM-noon	Sa

NEW! Target Archery Fun & Games Days

8 yrs + / Dates below / \$30

Make new friends and have fun with a variety of target archery games on several one-day events this Spring!

Prerequisite: You must have attended and completed our *Introduction to Archery, Archery Together* or *Archery Camp*.

Alpha Ridge Pk

8-14 yrs

RP9064.701	Apr 17	1:30-3:30 PM	Su
RP9064.702	May 15	Noon-2 PM	Su

12-17 yrs

RP9064.711	Apr 10	1:30-3:30 PM	Su
RP9064.712	May 8	Noon-2 PM	Su

18 yrs +

RP9064.721	Apr 24	1:30-3:30 PM	Su
RP9064.722	May 22	Noon-2 PM	Su



Learn the basics and refine your technique at a target archery course!

HCRP Target Archery Skills Club

8 yrs + / 4 sessions, start dates below / \$65

Focus on refining target archery technique through practice and self-paced development with our USA Archery-certified instructors. You must have attended and completed our *Introduction to Archery*, *Discover Archery Workshop*, *Archery Together* or *Archery Camp*. Parents are welcome to sign up with their children during youth sessions.

8 yrs + / Alpha Ridge Pk

RP9064.741	Apr 2	2-3:30 PM	Sa
RP9064.742	Apr 3	Noon-1:30 PM	Su
RP9064.743	Apr 30	3:30-5 PM	Sa
RP9064.744	May 1	2-3:30 PM	Su

18 yrs + Adult Archery Club / Alpha Ridge Pk

RP9064.751	Apr 30	2-3:30 PM	Sa
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School's Out

Archery, Fishing & Kayaking

9-13 yrs / Dates below / \$73

No school today? Then come spend the day outdoors on land and water! Make new friends while trying your hand at archery, fishing, kayaking, and field games. Fee includes equipment, instruction, transportation, supervision and lunch. Detailed information is emailed to participants prior to this fun-filled day. No experience necessary.

Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769.

Centennial Pk South – Pav E

RP9240.701	Apr 26	9 AM-5 PM	Tu
RP9240.702	May 20	9 AM-5 PM	F



Solve a mystery and warm up with s'mores at the Clues & Haunts Campfire at PFI.

Scouts and private group archery dates available! Gather your Scout Troop, church group or even just a group of friends to learn the basics of target archery. Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769.

NEW! Sign up for a Range Pass for open range times at Alpha Ridge Park this spring. For details visit www.howardcountymd.gov/archery.

Campfires

- Detailed information is emailed to participants.
- Family fee is for three or more immediate family members – must call 410-313-7275 to register at this rate.
- Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769.

Clues & Haunts Campfire at PFI

All ages / Apr 9 / \$10, individual; \$25, family
Search the park for clues and solve the mystery over s'mores! Bring a flashlight and blanket.

Patapsco Female Institute

RP9020.701	7-9 PM	Sa
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Come to the Spring Fishing Tournament at Centennial Lake for catch-and-release fun for all ages!

Heroes Campfire Roundup

All ages / May 6 / \$10, individual; \$25, family

Calling all heroes! Come dressed as your favorite hero – whoever that is to you! Your mom or dad, a firefighter, police officer, teacher or other amazing hero! Join other heroes around the campfire to share epic tales, songs and s'mores at this exciting superhero roundup. Bring a flashlight and blanket.

Rockburn Branch Pk West – Campfire Ring

RP9020.702 7:30-9 PM F

Camping

Parent/Child Camping in the Park

All ages / Jun 17 / \$55 (one child and one adult)

Introduce your child to the joys of camping. Go on a flashlight walk and participate in your favorite campfire activities. Bring a tent and sleeping bags; snacks and breakfast are provided. Tents are available to borrow; indicate when registering. One additional immediate family member may be added for \$10 (must call to register). Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769.

Rockburn Branch Pk West – Campfire Ring

RP9091.801 6 PM-8 AM F-Sa



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Fishing

• Info: Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754 or howardcountymd.gov/fishing.

Nite Bite Fishing

All ages / Dates below / \$5

Have you ever wanted to fish Centennial Lake at night? Now's your chance! Bring your own fishing pole, bait, tackle, bug repellent, flashlight or lantern, chair or boat. Advanced registration is encouraged but on-site registration is available. Those under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. Additional rules at howardcountymd.gov/nightfishing.

Centennial Pk South – Boat Launch

RP9154.701	Apr 2	6-11 PM	Sa
RP9154.702	Apr 29	6-11 PM	F
RP9154.703	May 21	6-11 PM	Sa
RP9154.801	Jun 17	6 PM-midnight	F
RP9154.802	Jul 30	6 PM-midnight	Sa
RP9154.803	Aug 19	6 PM-midnight	F
RP9154.101	Sep 10	6-11 PM	Sa
RP9154.102	Oct 15	6-11 PM	Sa

Nite Bite Fishing Tournament Series

14 yrs + / All Nite Bite Dates / \$60

Who will catch the Nite Bite Beast? \$60 one-time fee allows you to fish at any or all of the 2016 Nite Bite Fishing dates for a chance to win \$200! Cash prize awarded at series conclusion in October. Register at any time during the Nite Bite year for your chance to win! Congratulations to Marvin Lee for claiming the top prize and being crowned the 2015 Nite Bite Tournament Series winner with the largest catch overall (a bass, 1.84 lbs, 16 1/8").

RP9154.150 Centennial Pk South – Boat Launch



Explore the outdoors and hunt for hidden treasure on a Geocaching Discovery Walk!

Spring Fishing Tournament flickr

2 yrs + / May 7 / Prices below

Boat or shoreline anglers, come fish for prizes in this catch-and-release event. Children 13-under win prizes, trophies and receive a "goodie" bag. Adults win cash prizes and trophies. Prize categories include bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie and trout. T-shirts are given to preregistered participants. Bring bait and tackle. There is a two person minimum per boat with electric motor only. Inclement weather info: 410-313-4451 option #1 than option #4 (call on the day of event). Register in advance by calling 410-313-7275 or on-site (check in at the boat dock).

Centennial Pk South

RP9151.701	2-4 yrs	9 AM-noon	Sa	\$15
RP9151.711	5-13 yrs	9 AM-noon	Sa	\$20
RP9151.721	14 yrs +	6 AM-1 PM	Sa	\$25

NEW! Intro to Fishing

5-12 yrs / 2 classes starting May 12 / \$35

New young anglers, come learn to rig a pole, cast, identify fish, tie knots, and much more. No experience necessary. All equipment and bait is provided. This class is a great way to make friends and swap fish stories while learning a new lifelong outdoor skill.

Centennial Pk South – Pav E

RP9153.701	6-8 PM	Th
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Let's Go Fishing! (Parent/Child)

5-12 yrs / 2 classes, start dates below / \$35

This fishing class for beginners focuses on rigging a pole, casting, fish identification, knot tying and much more. No experience necessary. All equipment and bait are provided. This class is a great way to spend quality family time together while learning a new lifelong outdoor skill. Fee is for one parent & one child.

Centennial Pk South

RP9152.701	Apr 20	6-7:30 PM	W
RP9152.702	Apr 23	8-9:30 AM	Sa
RP9152.703	May 9	6-7:30 PM	M

Adult Fishing Clinic

18 yrs + / May 18 / \$15

New anglers, learn to cast, identify fish, rig a pole, tie knots, and much more. No experience necessary and all equipment and bait is provided.

Centennial Pk South – Pav E

RP9156.701	6:30-8:30 PM	W
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Paddle your way downstream and enjoy the scenery after completing a Kayak or Canoe class.

Geocaching

Geocaching Discovery Walk

8 yrs + / May 13 / \$9 per person

Learn how to use modern GPS tech to find hidden treasure boxes all over the world! Geocaching is a great way for families to explore the outside world and get caught up in the thrill of the hunt! Bring your GPS unit or smartphone with Geocaching app (optional), a water bottle and hiking shoes. Under 16 must be accompanied by a participating and registered adult. Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769.

RP9170.701 Rockburn Branch Pk West 5:30-7 PM F

Paddling

- Earn a certificate and patch by taking a flat water canoe or kayak paddling basics class and paddling our series of four MD waterways at least once within a three-year period.

- Fees are per person. Canoes are two-person boats; kayaks are either single or double.

- Under 16 must be accompanied by a participating parent or guardian.

- Detailed information is emailed to participants.

- For more paddling opportunities (Moonlight Canoeing, guided wildlife paddle) or more information visit howardcountymd.gov/paddling or call Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769.

Flat Water Paddling Basics for Canoe or Kayak

10 yrs + / Dates below & next column / \$35

Learn flat water paddling techniques, self-rescue, safety, gear selection and how to load a canoe or kayak. Participants under 16 are placed in a canoe or tandem kayak with an accompanying registered adult. Wear loose-fitting layers of warm clothing. This is an American Canoe Association-certified instructional program.

Canoe / Centennial Pk South – Concession Dock

RP9120.701	Apr 16	9:30 AM-noon	Sa
RP9120.702	May 21	9:30 AM-noon	Sa
RP9120.801	Jun 17	6:30-9 PM	F
RP9120.802	Jul 15	6:30-9 PM	F
RP9120.803	Jul 16	8-10:30 AM	Sa

Kayak / Centennial Pk South – Concession Dock

RP9125.701	Apr 16	9:30 AM-noon	Sa
RP9125.702	Apr 16	1-3:30 PM	Sa
RP9125.703	May 21	9:30 AM-noon	Sa
RP9125.704	May 21	1-3:30 PM	Sa
RP9125.801	Jun 17	6:30-9 PM	F
RP9125.802	Jul 15	6:30-9 PM	F
RP9125.803	Jul 16	8-10:30 AM	Sa



Float the Antietam

10 yrs + / Apr 24 / \$47, canoe or double kayak; \$68, single kayak

Nature enthusiasts and families, come enjoy a day of paddling on Antietam Creek near Sharpsburg, MD. Choose a canoe, double kayak or single kayak. Beginner to intermediate paddlers welcome. All paddlers must complete our *Flat Water Paddling Basics* class before the trip. Fee is per person, which includes transportation, leadership and boats. Bring a lunch (no nut products) and beverage.

Long Gate Park & Ride / 9 AM-6 PM

RP9124.701	10 yrs +	Canoe	Su
RP9124.702	10 yrs +	Double kayak	Su
RP9124.711	16 yrs +	Single kayak	Su

Float Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

10 yrs + / May 22 / \$47, double kayak; \$68, single kayak

Paddle the tidal marshes of Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge on this one-day flat water trip. Enjoy the scenery of mixed evergreen and deciduous forests, which are home to the Bald Eagle and endangered Delmarva Fox Squirrel. Beginner to intermediate paddlers welcome. All paddlers must complete our Flatwater Kayak Paddling Basics class before the trip. Fee is per person, which includes transportation, leadership and boats; bring a lunch (no nut products) and beverage.

Long Gate Park & Ride / 8 AM-6 PM

RP9126.701	10 yrs +	Double kayak	Su
RP9126.711	16 yrs +	Single kayak	Su

Float the Monocacy River

10 yrs + / Jun 19 / \$47, canoe or double kayak; \$68, single kayak

Beginner to intermediate paddlers, come discover the beauty of the scenic Monocacy River on this one-day trip. Paddle through history near the Monocacy National Battlefield with an ACA-certified instructor. All paddlers must complete our Flat Water Paddling Basics class before the trip. Fee is per person, which includes transportation, leadership and boats. Bring a lunch (no nut products) and a beverage.

Long Gate Park & Ride / 9 AM-6 PM

RP9122.801	10 yrs +	Canoe	Su
RP9122.802	10 yrs +	Double kayak	Su
RP9122.811	16 yrs +	Single kayak	Su

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Rock Climbing

Indoor Rock Climbing at the Roger Carter Community Center

Boost your confidence; get a great workout on the 26-foot-tall wall. Open climbs are only \$5 per person! Climbing wall rentals & parties also available; call Dawn Thomas, 410-313-1754. For complete information including open climb times and fees, visit howardcountymd.gov/rockclimbing.

Trail Hikes

- Under 16 must be accompanied by a participating parent or guardian.
- Participants should be in good shape, have good balance and depth perception to be able to hike two miles over rocky hills without a break and the ability to complete the distance indicated.
- Fee includes van or school bus transportation from the Park & Ride lot at the intersection of Rte. 100 and Long Gate Pkwy, Ellicott City.
- Info: Matt Medicus, 410-313-1769 or howardcountymd.gov/trailhikes.

Appalachian Trail

8 yrs + / Dates below / \$17

The Appalachian Trail crossing Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania features historic Civil War sights and panoramic views of mountains and valleys. Trip leaders interpret points of interest. All sections are generally between 6 and 9 miles (hike leaders keep a moderate pace). Earn a certificate and patch by hiking each of the seven sections in the Maryland Appalachian Trail series at least once within a 3-year period. Earn a 100 mile certificate and patch by hiking additional miles on the Pennsylvania and Virginia sections of the Appalachian Trail.

Maryland Appalachian

Trail Hike Section #2

Hike up to Buzzards Knob, then pass a spruce forest and on to a scramble over the Devils Racecourse rock formations, a river of stone formed by the Ice Age. Moderate terrain with one extended climb and hills: 6 miles.

High Rock to Wolfsville Road / Long Gate Park & Ride

RP9180.701 Apr 9 8 AM-4 PM Sa

Maryland Appalachian

Trail Hike Section #7

Hike along the C&O Canal overlooking to the rapids of the Potomac, then stop for lunch below Maryland Heights at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers. Visit the site of John Brown's raid in historic Harpers Ferry and AT Headquarters. Flat terrain with an optional steep climb to Maryland Heights: 5.5 miles.

Weverton to Harpers Ferry / Long Gate Park & Ride

RP9180.703 May 14 8 AM-4 PM Sa

Maryland Appalachian

Trail Section #1

Begin at High Rock's panoramic view. Cross the Mason-Dixon Line, hike through a hemlock forest, and eat your lunch the historic Pen-Mar Park. Moderately difficult terrain: 6 miles.

High Rock to Rte. 16 / Long Gate Park & Ride

RP9180.704 May 21 8 AM-4 PM Sa

Maryland Appalachian

Trail Hike Section #6

Start at a unique monument dedicated to Civil War correspondents and site of several Union and Confederate battles. Hike through picturesque forests, catch a glimpse of the panoramic view at Pleasant Valley overlook and enjoy lunch at cliffs overlooking the Potomac River and the three states. Moderate terrain: 7 miles.

Gathland State Park to Weverton Cliffs

RP9180.801 Jun 11 8 AM-4 PM Sa

Other Hikes

Virginia Appalachian Trail

Section #3

8 yrs + / Apr 23 / \$20

Start near Ashby Hollow and hike north to Snickers Gap while ascending four hills and crossing four streams. Eat your lunch at the Sam Moore AT Shelter. Enjoy several views of mountains and valleys. Moderately difficult terrain: 6.8 miles.

Ashby Hollow to Snickers Gap / Long Gate Park & Ride

RP9180.702 8 AM-6 PM Sa

Pennsylvania Appalachian

Trail Section #3

8 yrs + / Jun 25 / \$20

Pick up some AT miles outside of Maryland on this generally downhill hike. There is a steep descent and climb at Milesburn Hollow. Eat your lunch along the trail near the Milesburn Cabin!

Moderate terrain: 9.8 miles.

Arendtsville Rd to Caledonia State Park / Long Gate Park & Ride

RP9180.802 8 AM-6 PM Sa



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